

INFORMATION REPORT

CD NO

25X1

COUNTRY Germany (Russian Zone)

DATE DISTR.

1 August 1952

SUBJECT Difficulties at Eisenhüttenkombinat Ost

NO. OF PAGES

1

PLACE
ACQUIRED

25X1

DATE OF
INFO.

25X1

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE
OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793
AND 794, OF THE U. S. CODE AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVEL-
ATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON
IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

25X1

1. The Eisenhüttenkombinat Ost, Fürstenberg/Oder, is experiencing great difficulties with the unloading of the large amounts of raw materials and building supplies which are delivered to the plant. The principal problem is the insufficient number of cranes and other lifting tools. This problem is increased by the fact that there is only one rail spur to the main road net. Loaded freight cars are forced to stand for long periods at nearly all of the stations around Fürstenberg. This condition, in turn, has forced the EKO to pay large amounts in demurrage costs to the DDR Reichsbahn; in January 1952 alone, EKO paid 900,000 DM East in such fees.
2. The pig iron produced by blast furnaces I and II is extremely poor in quality. The iron has only a specific gravity of 4.8 to 5 kg/dm³ instead of 7.2 kg/dm³.
3. Blast furnaces I and II are currently producing together 350 tons per day instead of the planned daily total of 1,000 tons (500 each). In order to increase the production of furnace I to 500 tons daily, a premium of 6,000 DM East per day is being paid to the furnace gang.
4. The sintering equipment, with two rotary pipe furnaces for ore dressing, which should suffice for the charging (Beschiebung) of each of the four furnaces, has been poorly planned. Because of an error by the Central Construction Office, the sintering equipment was designed for 1,000 tons per day instead of 1,000 tons per hour, with the result that the installation is inadequate. The foundation and heavier parts of the steel construction of the sintering equipment have already been completed.

25X1

CLASSIFICATION		SECRET											
STATE	☒	NAVY	☒	NSRB	☒								
ARMY	☒	AIR	☒	FBI	☒								